

REMARKS

The Final Office Action mailed July 23, 2004 has been received and carefully considered. In the Office Action, claims 1-5, 7-16, 18-19, and 21-39 were pending of which claims 1-5, 7-16, 18-19, 21-32 and 35-39 have been allowed. Applicants express their appreciation for the indication of the allowed claims. The Examiner finally rejected claims 33 and 34.


In response to the Final Office Action, Applicants have cancelled claims 33 and 34 pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.116. Applicants cancel these claims without prejudice and reserve the right to file one or more continuing applications directed to the subject matter thereof.

As the only claims remaining in the Application have been allowed, Applicants respectfully submit that the Application should be allowed and passed to issue.

In the event any outstanding issues remain, Applicants would appreciate the courtesy of a telephone call to Applicants' undersigned representative to resolve such issues in an expeditious manner.

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Respectfully submitted,

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